



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kiyotaka OHARA

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 10/643,220

Examiner: J. DEBROW

Filed: August 19, 2003

Docket No.: 116382

For: PRINTING SYSTEM

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the December 19, 2007 personal interview, please find below Applicant's record of the interview. The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by the Examiners Debrow and Bashore at the personal interview are appreciated.

Applicant's representative traversed the rejection of independent claims 1, 8, 15, 17 and 25-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,362,894 to Shima (Shima-894) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,867,874 to Shima (Shima-874) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,778,289 to Iwata.

Applicant's representative presented the arguments in the December 6 Amendment. In particular, Applicant's representative argued that Shima-874, Shima-894 and Iwata fail to disclose or suggest all of the features as called for in independent claims 1, 8, 15, 17 and 25-33.

Examiners Debrow and Bashore stated that in light of the December 6, 2007 Amendment and their new understanding of the claims, they would further evaluate Shima-874, Shima-894 and Iwata.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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